any prominent field, other dignitaries, senior civil servants and to children, aged and impaired passengers cannot expeditious clearance of their baggage after securing compliance with normal customs procedure and payment of customs duty wherever required.

(b) and (c) A statement giving details of cases where extension of protocol facilities occasioned payment of custom duty and any other penal action, is annexed herewith (*see* below).

(d) with a view to prevent smuggling and evasion of payment of customs duty, the department has set up at each Airport, an Intelligence Unit staffed by trained and experienced officers who provide inputs for purposes of customs check of incoming and out-going passengers and their baggage, passenger profoles are also used for this purpose. In addition X-ray machines have been installed at all major International airports which are used for screening passenger baggage on the basis of intelligence as well as random selection. Officers of Intelligence Unit also maintain general surveillance on the passengers and visitors.

Statement

Except in international airport at Delhi, no other airport has reported any misuse of protocol facilities during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96. Details of the cases wherein passengers' baggage was subjected to customs duty and penal action after due examination, even while protocol facilities were extended, are given below:

(i) On 18.10.1994, Dr. R. Sridharan, M.P. requested for protocol facilities for receiving two passengers by name Shri M.M. Hameem and Shri M. Ravichandran. They were, however, intercepted on their arrival from Hong Kong carrying 552 pieces of Computer Hard Discs valued at Rs. 44.81 lakhs. In addition, they carried 363 gms. of gold jewellery valued at Rs. 1.07 lakhs. During interrogation, the passengers stated that Dr. R. Sridharan, MP had known about their attempt to smuggle the goods and on arrival he received them and ensured clearance. On further investigation, it was revealed that Dr. Sridharan had been aiding and abetting in smuggling activities. Apart from the adjudication proceedings, Dr. Sridharan and the two passengers were detained under COFEPOSA.

(ii) On 7.11.1995, Shri Kamal Nath, former Minister of Textiles, arrived from abroad. His PS, who was present to collect the baggage, reported, with the baggage in the dutiable channel (red channel) for payment of duty and declared the contents as crockery and cut glasses. The baggage was examined and a duty of Rs. 1,11,217 was collected. In addition, Redemption Fine of Rs. 25,000 and penalty of Rs. 10,000 was also imposed thereon.

Export of Silk

6. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the export of silk by the end of 1995-96;

(b) the achievement made thereon;

(c) whether there is a shortfall on the silk export as anticipated for 1995-96;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to increase the export of silk?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The exports of silk products from April-December, 1995 amounted to US$

196,17 million against the target of US$ 328 million set for 1995-96;

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The main reason for shortfall in export of silk products from India is the recession in major markets like USA and Europe.

(e) In order to increase the exports of silk products, the Government is providing assistance to the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council for undertaking various export promotion activities such as participation in international fairs, organising generic promotion stalls in domestic fairs like Tex Styles India, publicity in foreign trade magazines, sponsoring of sales-cum-study tours and buyer-seller meets, dissemination of overseas trade information among exporters, etc. Besides the Government has taken several measures to boost silk exports such as the facility of duty free import of raw material under the Advance Licensing Scheme, import of capital goods at concessional rate of duty for export production, etc.

Agreement for Telecast of Wills World Cup Matches

7. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agreement entered into by Doordarshan with the organisers of Wills World Cup for telecasting the cricket matches to be played at different places; and

(b) the advertisement revenue expected to accrue to Doordarshan in the course of telecasting the matches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The details are annexed *(see* below).

(b) An approximate gross revenue of Rs.35.00 crores is expected.

Statement

The dispute regarding coverage of 1996 World Cup has been referred for arbitration. Doordarshan, World Tel Inc. STAR TV, PILCOM and BCCI, who were parties to the above dispute, have agreed, *inter-alia* that subject to the final resolution of the dispute by the sole arbitrator— Shri N.K.P. Salve—the parties agree that:—

(i) The signals for the matches played in India will be generated by way of co-production between World-Tel and Doordarshan.

(ii) WorldTel will also provide live pictures of international standard to Doordarshan in respect of all the other matches to be played in Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

(iii) Uplinking of the signals generated by the co-production to Indian satellites for the purpose of Indian telecasting by Doordarshan and to international satellites for distribution to 1996 Cricket World Cup licensees will be by Doordarshan.

(iv) Doordarshan shall be entitled to telecast and commercially exploit these signals over its terrestrial network including through its Indian satellites. Similarly STAR TV shall be entitled to telecast and commercially exploit the Indian foot-print of its satellite transmission.

(v) All India Radio would be entitled to cover live all the 37 matches of the 1996 Wills World Cup through its own network.

(vi) Doordarshan shall not telecast any advertisement relating to tobacco and tobacco related products, books and publications and home videos relating to cricket by any competing entity of the Title sponsor.